

AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS

1 Thess. 1:5

1 Th 1:5 Gospel: Good news. Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again from dead.

Person can repent of sin and place his faith and trust in Jesus Christ for eternal life and be saved, born-again.

In Word only: By spoken word only

Gospel of Jesus Christ wasn't presented to you only by words.

Much more involved

Effective witness:

1. Presentation

Must tell

No communication of Gospel until words spoken.

2. Power

Spiritual force, spiritual dynamite

- Demolish idol-gods
- Turn derelict into shining trophy of God's grace
- Turn heart full of hatred into a heart full of love
- Release drug addict
- Give person bound by immorality pure heart
- Change murderer into compassionate person

3. Holy Spirit.

Power and Spirit Rom 1:4 1 Cor 2:4 Acts 1:8; Lk 1:17,35; 4:14 ; Acts 10:38

- Missions-oriented
- Takes spoken word and impregnates heart
- Takes off spiritual blindfold
- Impresses on heart that a sinner and condemned to Hell
- Impresses on heart need for Jesus Christ John 16:8

4. Settled conviction

Assurance: Entire confidence. Internal conviction...settled and fervent and burning conviction of the truth and power of the Gospel.

Hendrickson ...*an immediate effect of the Spirit's presence and power in the hearts of the ambassadors.*"

5. Godly life message.

Consistent testimony. A good and godly example

You know how our lives were further proof to you of truth of message

Mat 5:16 Christianity is meant to be seen 2 Th 3:9; 1 Tim 4:12; Titus 2:7